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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).**—On Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., this lodge held its first meeting of the season at the White Hart Tavern, College-street, Lambeth. The lodge was very largely attended, and one gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. Timothy, W.M., assisted by Bro. Nott, S.W., Bro. Skirving, J.W., and the other officers and brethren of the lodge. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, and after the other business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, where a substantial repast was served in the banqueting-room by Bro. Isaac, the proprietor. After the Masonic toasts had been given in Bro. Timothy's usual impressive manner, songs were indulged in, and reference was made to the new lodge-room in connection with the house now in course of erection at the corner of Belvedere-road and College-street, which is to take the place of the present White Hart. This will be a great boon, as the Vitruvian Lodge has grown to such proportions that the accommodation at the present house is not sufficient to meet its requirements. The new house will be opened in about two months hence, and special attention will be paid to meet the requirements of Masons.

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The lodge was opened at five o'clock punctual by Bro. Joseph Strick, W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Gartett, I.P.M.; J. A. Smith, P.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; J. J. Bell, J.W.; R. Challoner, Sec.; J. Quincey, S.D.; G. H. Forder, J.D.; E. Bridges, I.G.; and W. T. Laing, P.M., Tyler. There was a large body of brethren present connected with the lodge. The list of visitors included Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426; Percy Stevens, 1426; R. Nelson, 1671; W. B. Trisk, 1366; and T. E. Davis, 1471. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. D. McPherson Murdoch was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. W. E. Kelsey was afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. The two Degrees were worked in a manner which was highly creditable to all concerned, from the W.M. downwards. This being election meeting the bye-laws were read in open lodge. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which was declared unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Simpson, S.W. A ballot for Treasurer then took place, Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., being unanimously re-elected. Bro. W. T. Laing, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of five guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of purchasing a jewel to be presented to Bro. J. Stock, W.M., on his retirement. All business being ended the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due form, when the brethren retired to refreshment, provided by Bros. H. J. and W. J. Roberts. The usual toasts having been disposed of, Bros. W. Royal, R. Challoner, J. A. Smith, James Stevens, and others, amused the brethren until ten o'clock, when the company separated. The installation will take place on Thursday, October 2nd.

**STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 5th inst., and was largely attended, the W.M., Bro. C. Woolmer Williams, occupying the chair, and there also being present Bros. W. Kipps, S.W., P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M., &c.; W. E. Williams, J.W., P.M. 1538, W.M. 162; Rev. Dr. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chap.; R. W. Williams, I.P.M., Ph.D., P.P.G.C., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. J. Green, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Marketis, S.D.; Laver, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, I.G., W.M. 1623; C. Marr, D.C.; J. Turnbull, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler; W. Brough, W. E. Wil-

liams, C. H. Dye, W. Willson, R. C. Edmonds, W. H. Ashton, P. Brentini, J. T. Duperoy, G. V. Cavalier, L. M. Williams, A. Valentine, G. B. Dawson, J. E. Player, L. Zdzienicke, Whaley, Somerville, W. Lake, P.M. (Freemason.) Visitors: Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.S., P.M., G.M. No. 1; F. B. Williams, P.M. 1532, St. Martin's-le-Grand; A. F. Jeffrey, P.M. 452, G. J. D. Surrey; A. Thomas, W.M. Mount Edgcumbe, 1446; T. Griffiths, W.M. 1641, Crichton; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548, Wellington; E. C. Taylor, P.M. 11, Enoch, Head Clerk R.M.I. for Boys; W. D. Goldsmith, Sec. 1531, Chislehurst; A. Darch, J.W. 72, Royal Jubilee; J. J. Hutchings, J.W. 147, Justice; W. H. Johnson, 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand; W. M. Crouch, 917, Cosmopolitan; T. Hunter, 114, Palatine; G. H. Dowsett, 79, Pythagorean; A. J. Jenkins, 1589, St. Dunstan's; Laverack, 917, Cosmopolitan. After the confirmation of the minutes Mr. James C. Somerville was initiated into the ancient mysteries. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Wm. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M., &c., duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. On the re-admittance of the brethren the W.M. received the customary salutes in each Degree, and the Installing Master delivered the usual addresses from the pedestal. The W.M. then invested his officers for the coming year as follows:—Bros. C. W. Williams, I.P.M.; W. E. Williams, P.M. 1538, W.M. 162, S.W.; Rev. Dr. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chap.; R. W. Williams, I.P.M., Ph.D., P.P.G.O., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Org.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M., Treas.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Marketis, J.W.; Leaper, S.D.; G. S. Elliott, W.M. 1623, J.D.; C. Marr, I.G.; J. Turnbull, D.C.; E. Lane, Stwd.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. then in the name of the lodge presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. Woolmer Williams on his leaving the chair, at the same time expressing the sentiments of the brethren, thoroughly appreciating the value of the services rendered, and the able manner in which all the work of W.M. had been carried out. The brethren then adjourned to the customary banquet, which under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Kipps, passed off admirably. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent singing, Bro. R. W. Williams presiding at the pianoforte. During the evening Bro. Tisley, on behalf of Bro. Cavalier, presented to the lodge a very handsome cigar cabinet, beautifully fitted, and filled with "weeds" of the choicest brand. We need not say that the gift was received with thanks, and, judging from the cloud of incense offered up by the devotees, it was thoroughly appreciated. The proceedings closed at an early hour, all having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**ARUNDEL.**—Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love (No. 56).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., for the purpose of initiating Mr. A. E. Garwood, who was elected for initiation thirteen years ago, but, being ordered away, this was the first opportunity which has enabled that gentleman to present himself for initiation in the lodge of his native town. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. T. U. Price, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Sussex, and the E.A. Tracing Board was lucidly explained by the S.W., Bro. E. E. Street, the following brethren being also in attendance:—Bros. G. T. Evershed, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Smith, J.W.; R. Garwood, P.M.; T. Francis, P.M., S.D.; Neame, as I.G.; Robertson, Tyler; and Downer and Bert.

**GIBRALTAR.**—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—On Monday, the 1st inst., this lodge held its monthly meeting in their large suite of rooms in Armstrong-buildings, South. The officers, all of whom were present, are Bros. Bacon, W.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; B. White, S.W.; J. King, J.W.; F. Myatt, Sec.; H. Button, S.D.; W. H. Allen, J.D.; H. Clisson, M.C.; O. Lyons, I.G.; C. Armstrong, Treas.; together with a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. Mr. Forbes, together with Mr. S. Evans, were duly accepted and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of the First Degree, after which the Second Degree was conferred on Bros. Brown and Stillman. Proposed alterations in the bye-laws were for some time after freely discussed, and finally left to a committee to present a report at their next meeting. The J.D. reminded the brethren that Masonry being essentially a charitable institution, it was their bounden duty to strain every nerve to make the donations to our poor and needy brethren as large as possible, and he felt sure they would heartily support him with their help and talent in the concerts which would be given during the winter months solely for that purpose. The W.M. thanked the J.D. for bringing the subject forward, and promised him very cordial support for an object so thoroughly Masonic. After a few minor matters had been disposed of, the brethren proceeded to their large refreshment room, the large amount of business which had been gone through seeming to have given them great zest for the good fare which had been placed before them by their energetic Steward, Bro. Azopardi. The usual loyal toasts were very feelingly proposed by the W.M., and responded to very heartily, especially that of "Our Noble Grand Master." The next toast, "The Initiates," the W.M. assured the brethren was one to him of unspeakable pleasure at all times, but especially so on this occasion, on account of the strong recommendation they brought, and their well-known, useful, and blameless lives, and he felt a certain conviction that the two new initiates that night would prove good, honoured, and useful members among them. The initiates rose, and Bro. Evans, in returning thanks, said it was impossible for him to find adequate words to confess the delight, surprise, and wonder at what he had seen, and the thankfulness he felt for the honour the brethren had done him, and promised, with all sincerity, to leave no stone unturned to prove his gratitude for kind-

ness as unexpected as undeserved. Bro. Allen assured the lodge that he could remember no act in his past life which gave him such combined feelings of pride and pleasure as presenting to their respected W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, a token of their admiration for the zeal he had shown as a Mason, his integrity as a man, and his steadfastness as a friend to them all. Yet he felt that an apology was due, both to those whom he represented as well as to the recipient of the present, for his incapacity to adequately convey to the mind of Bro. Bacon the feeling which actuated the brethren in marking him out for so special an honour, but felt confident that a few simple words spoken in deep sincerity would be as congenial to his and their tastes and feelings as the studied and perhaps exaggerated flattery of an accomplished speaker; and in a speech of some length dwelt on those characteristic traits of the W.M. which had been so beneficial to the lodge, to himself, and the brethren, and appealed to them, that if they were ambitious for the position of W.M. they must study much and long, and curb all vain, unbecoming thoughts, bridle their tongue, and above all endeavour to emulate the present occupant of that position, and prove themselves worthy to succeed a brother whose name is a synonym for integrity, enterprise, Masonic spirit and benevolence, and he trusted that their brother S.W. (the W.M. apparent) would next year remember who preceded him, knowing well he had the ability, and he fervently trusted a want of zeal on his part would not mar a year which promised so much for the cause of Masonry at Gibraltar, and appealing to the brethren to show the W.M. that they desired to corroborate and endorse his remarks, and to do him especial honour, asking them to kindly stand up while he performed the closing, and to him intensely gratifying task of presenting Bro. E. Bacon, their W.M., with a very handsome musical album, containing the portraits of the brethren, and while assuring him, though it possessed no particular value in itself, he felt sure that in the mind of its recipient it possessed an intrinsic value above price, for it represented to him, though but poorly, the feeling of admiration, love, and respect which was felt for him, he earnestly hoped that when he left Gibraltar his zeal would never be lessened, and that he might yet rise to higher position in the Order, and he knew the brethren would, and did, re-echo his prayer that the lives of himself and family might be one long continued tissue of health and happiness. Bros. Armstrong and King both expressed in concise, yet in a deep, feeling manner, their gratitude towards their W.M. and very heartily corroborated the Junior Deacon's remarks. The W.M., in reply, said the brethren had surprised him so much, by their embarrassing display of good will towards him, that he felt perfectly powerless to adequately thank them, and it was with feelings of gratitude such as are not often awakened, and can never be expressed, that he desired to thank and assure them from the very bottom of his heart that as long as he lived he should never forget or fail to appreciate that manifestation of personal respect and grateful remembrance which had been so largely evinced towards him that night, and assured the brethren that the portraits within the "album" would help him to realise them all in the future, with the greatest gratitude, tenderness, and consideration. It was quite true that the peace, happiness, and improvement of the lodge had ever been his fervent desire, but he was only too happy to acknowledge the great assistance he had received from all his officers, and the present prosperity of the lodge was mainly due to the hearty co-operation and Masonic zeal which actuated all. He entirely disclaimed meriting the encomiums which the speakers had showered upon him, but assured the lodge that that night would ever be a green spot in his memory, and while he remained in Gibraltar his efforts would be, if possible, doubled for the good of the "Grand old Order," and the prosperity of the lodge, and while he had life Masonry should ever find in him an ardent admirer. In concluding, he thanked them again and again with the energy of a thousand thanks in each one, and with a heart too full to permit him saying all he should like to, and begged to propose "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," to whom all owed so much, and to all of whom he was so deeply indebted, coupling with the toast the name of the Senior Warden, Bro. White. Bro. White in responding expressed his gratitude to the Worshipful Master for proposing in such congenial terms their healths, and to the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to it. He assured the W.M. that there was felt for him a unanimous sentiment of kindness, affection, admiration and love, and felt sure that the knowledge of these sentiments must make him happy. Having passed a compliment to Bro. Allen for his speech, he assured the lodge that should they deem fit to place him in the position of W.M. next year he would, please God, do his very utmost to merit their approbation, and would endeavour to hand over the collar and jewels of office in the same unsullied form as he knew Bro. Bacon would. The W.M. begged permission to propose the health of an old benefactor to the lodge, and spoke in highly flattering terms of P.M. Cunningham's services to the lodge, his kindness of disposition, and his disinterested zeal for Masonry. The call was very heartily responded to, testifying to the popularity of Bro. Cunningham, who feelingly replied in a few terse sentences, saying that the prosperity of the lodge was his constant thought and prayer, and after speaking in terms of kindly feeling towards the W.M., the Tyler's toast brought to a close an evening which will live in the remembrance of all who were there as one of the most pleasant, enjoyable, and instructive this prosperous old lodge has ever had.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—An emergency meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, was attended by special invitation by representatives of the Royal Gloucester, Southampton,

and Shirley Lodges, in whose presence the W.M., Bro. Thomas Lashmore, initiated, passed, and raised two brethren in each of the Three Degrees respectively, performing the ceremonies in the admirably correct and intelligent manner by which his working has throughout the year been distinguished. Before the lodge closed Bro. T. P. Payne, the oldest Past Master, in the presence of about fifty of the members, in the name of the lodge presented the I.P.M., Bro. Martin, with a gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair last year. Adjourning to refreshment, Bro. Lashmore presided over an elegant repast, followed by some excellent speech-making, agreeably interspersed with charming selections on the harmonium, of which he is so complete a master, by P.M. Robert Sharpe, of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and several admirable songs, not the least noticeable among them being the spirited interpretation by Bro. John Brown of "The March of the Cameron Men."

**HARTLEPOOL.**—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. H. Bennett. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. George Thompson Walker, a candidate for Masonry, which, upon investigation, proved unanimous. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Matthew Harrison was examined, and having given satisfactory evidence of proficiency, was entrusted and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when he was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then worked down to the Second and First Degrees, when "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, and a brother proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, in due and solemn form.

**HAVANT.**—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The following members and visitors were present:—Bros. C. H. Liddell, W.M.; W. Dart, J.W.; T. P. Hall, I.P.M.; J. Weeks, P.M.; Treas.; T. Francis, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Hillman, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; J. A. Elverston, S.D.; H. G. Richardson, J.D.; J. J. Field, I.G.; T. D. Askew, Org.; J. Collings and W. H. S. Parsons, Stewards; Blackmore, Tyler; J. Price, C. D. Gourd, G. T. Gourd, C. U. Burr, H. Kimber, G. W. Chinnock, R. T. Leaver, H. S. Young, A. J. Dunn, E. Farminer, C. A. Harding, and J. J. Bascombe. Visitors: Bros. S. J. Fone, 731; W. Ford, 487; Bull, 353; W. M. Oubridge, J.D. 1776; W. Lemanten, 481; Goodwin Nash, 40; Leopold R. Mills, S.W. 49. The only business consisted of raising three brethren to the degree of M.M.'s, which was ably performed by the W.M., the lecture on the T.B. and the W.T. being given by the J.W. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cocker-mouth, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, H. Carruthers, J. Towers, D. Sinclair, and W. F. Lamony, P.M. (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Sinclair, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., who also explained the Second Tracing Board, whilst the lecture of the Degree was delivered by the S.W., and the working tools presented by the J.W. The lodge was then closed in form.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The general meeting of the members forming the above lodge was held on the 1st inst., in the Masonic Rooms at the Athenæum. Bro. N. W. Helme, the W. Master, presided, being supported by his respective officers, Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., filling the chair of I.P.M. There was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Marriott and Kershaw were then advanced to the pedestal, and having given proficiency as Entered Apprentices, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Marriott and Kershaw were separately re-admitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The working of the Degree was well gone through, and at its conclusion the S.W. (Bro. Taylor) gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board, and the acting J.W. (Bro. Hannay) that on the Second; the S.W. also explained the working tools to the newly-passed brethren. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the usual proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The first meeting of the above lodge since its summer vacation took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, and though not so well attended as usual, yet lost none of its usual attractiveness on the score of brotherly love and charity, which in this lodge has something more than a mere name. It is not a strong or powerful lodge at present, but its charity, brotherly love, and hospitality are above suspicion. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Turner, opened the lodge in due form

and the minutes of the last meeting were passed. Mr. Thomas Tolhurst and Mr. Richard Clark were then, after being balloted for and approved, initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Weaver and Stanley were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Jennings and Phelps were raised to the Third Degree, the whole of the work being done by the W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Dr. W. Vance, S.W.; J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; E. West, P.M.; J. Elder, S.D.; J. Palmer, J.D.; V. J. Holloway, D.C.; Burgess, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lloyd, took the position of J.W. Among the visitors were Bros. Gaskell W. Brown, 1076; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. Before the lodge was closed Bro. P.M. West alluded in feeling terms to the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. H. Sisley, P.M., and as he might fairly say the founder of the lodge. He regretted much that there had not been sufficient time since his death to acquaint the W.M., so as to put the lodge in mourning for their deceased brother, but moved that the lodge now go into mourning for two months for that brother. He spoke of visiting our deceased brother, and of the peace and faith in which he died. Bro. Ives added his regret to that of Bro. West's at the loss of one who was a worthy man and a good Mason, and spoke of the intimacy and good feeling that had always existed between himself and Bro. Sisley in life. It was then proposed and unanimously carried that the sum of ten guineas should be placed in the hands of widow Sisley for her immediate needs, and Bro. West undertook to see her, and report at the next meeting, with a view to an appeal to the Benevolent Fund of the Order. The lodge was then closed with "Hearty good wishes," and the brethren adjourned to partake of a cold collation, set out with all the taste and bountifulness so often evinced by Bro. West and his amiable wife. Upon re-assembling round the social board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of Bro. Turner" was cordially proposed and responded to. In reply to that of "The Past Masters," Bro. West drew a feeling reference to the sad event that took place that night last year, when the unfortunate "Princess Alice" was lost with over 700 souls. Then their harmony was broken by that dread event, and by a strange coincidence the sad death of one of their Past Masters, in fact the first P.M., Bro. Sisley, precluded the possibility of their indulging in a song that night. There was a general expression of regret at the loss the lodge had sustained, and after Bro. Gaskell had replied for "The Visitors," and "The Initiates and Officers" had been toasted, the proceedings ended.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**SOUTH HAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This lodge of instruction re-assembled after the summer recess on Monday, the 11th inst., when the W. Bro. R. Sharpe, its admirable Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for some years, was unanimously re-elected to that position, and heartily thanked for past efforts, which have so much conducted both to the vitality and the success of the lodge. It is perhaps worthy of passing notice that, anticipating some remarks lately made in the columns of the *Freemason* as to the proper mode of conducting these lodges of instruction, not only do the Master and Past Masters of the mother lodge regularly take part in its working, but the lodge is opened and worked precisely as a regular lodge, except, of course, in respect to initiations. Minutes are kept of its proceedings, and a report from time to time presented to the lodge under whose warrant it works of its proceedings, the state of its finances, &c.

#### Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present among others Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., W.M.; G. Newman, S.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. P. Holden, P.G.C., &c., J.W.; H. C. Levander, G.R., &c., Treasurer; E. H. Thiellay, I.P.M., Secretary; Cubitt, G.S.O., P.M.; Simmonds, P.M.; W. Stephens, S.O.; Dr. Wilkinson, J.O.; W. E. Williams, S.D.; Shepherd, Registrar; Santer, I.G.; H. Parker, Organist; Gilbert, Janitor. Bro. T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, 238, &c. (*Freemason*), was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Rev. Bro. Holden, by permission of the W.M., most ably advanced Bros. C. G. Rushworth, G.R. of Middlesex, St. Thomas's Lodge, 142, &c., and G. Sandell, St. John's Lodge, 167. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Newman, W.M. elect, into the chair, was also performed by Bro. Holden. The elocutionary and general Masonic abilities of the reverend brother are so widely and deservedly known that it would be superfluous to expatiate upon them, but suffice it to say the beautiful ceremonial was so well performed that at its conclusion a vote of thanks to Bro. Holden was passed with acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The officers appointed and invested for the year were as follows:—Bros. Dubois, I.P.M.; the Rev. P. Holden, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; Levander, Treasurer; Thiellay, Secretary; Dr. Wilkinson, M.O.; Shepherd, S.O.; Williams, J.O.; Santer, R. of M.; Lamb, S.D. (by Deputy); Frost, J.D.; Rushworth, I.G.; Parker, Organist; Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The subject of subscribing to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund and the Mark Benevolent Fund was postponed until the next meeting. The lodge was then duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Mark toasts were done full justice to. "The Grand Offi-

cers, Present and Past," was acknowledged in brief but pertinent terms by Bros. Cubitt, Holden, and Levander. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eloquent and complimentary terms by Bro. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., and having been duly honoured, Bro. Newman made a modest response. "The Advances" were pledged, and in reply Bros. Rushworth and Sandell expressed the great gratification they felt in having been admitted members of the St. Mark's Lodge, and they also spoke in very eulogistic terms of the manner in which they had been advanced. "The Health of the Visitor" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. Walls. In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing so many distinguished brethren who had passed the chair. He particularly mentioned the names of Bros. Dubois, Levander, Cubitt, and Thiellay, and complimented those brethren upon the great services they had rendered, not only to the Mark Degree, but to Freemasonry generally. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the brethren thus signalled severally responded. The toast of "The Officers" was given, and the Janitor's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Lord Raglan, on Tuesday evening, the 9th instant, Bro. John G. Holmes, P.M., &c., in the chair, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Smyth, Weston, Solbé, Penfold, Keys, Palmer, Sculley, Moulds, Kennedy, Wilson, Tappenden, Deeves, Ovenden, Chamberlin, Hepburn, and others. The routine business having been disposed of, Bro. W. A. Tucker, of Lodge 913, was admitted with the usual formalities to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. Several grants for charitable purposes having been made, the lodge adjourned at an early hour.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—The quarterly meeting of this popular conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 1st instant. There were present Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Nunn, P.G.S.G., P.G.S., &c., acting V.E.; Massa, I.G.; Cubitt, P.G.S., &c., Treas.; Levander, P.G.S., &c., Recorder; Marsh, P.G.S., &c.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S., &c.; Thiellay, H.P.; Stedwell, Orator; T. C. Walls, A.D.C.; Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The roll of the officers appointed at the last conclave was called as follows: Sir Knights Peters, V.E.; Macartney, M.P., Senior General; Massa, I.G.; Thiellay, H.P.; Cubitt, Treas.; Levander, Recorder; Shirley, Prefect; Stedwell, Orator; Mather, S.B.; Parker, Org.; Moses, Herald; Stevens and Walls, A.D.C.'s; Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. Several communications from absent Sir Knights were read by the Recorder. Previously to the conclave being dissolved, Sir Knight Walls gave notice of motion that at the next quarterly convocation the subject of the recognition of the services of the subscribing Past Grand Sovereigns of the Premier Conclave should be considered. The Sir Knights then adjourned to an excellent and well-served banquet. The subsequent proceedings were but of a formal character. "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Sir Knights Nunn, Cubitt, Levander, Marsh, and Dubois. "The M.P.S." followed, and was proposed in happy terms by Sir Knight Marsh. Sir Knight Kingston having replied, gave "The P.G.S.'s." This toast having received ample justice, was acknowledged in a modest speech, upon behalf of himself and colleagues, by Sir Knight Cubitt. The proceedings terminated at an early hour with the Sentinel's toast.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN SEAGER.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. John Seager, of the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, which melancholy event occurred early on Wednesday morning, the 3rd inst. Members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, who were wont to attend the weekly assemblies at this house will not readily forget the genial and courteous host who took so active a part in promoting the interests of the Craft, and they will share with a very wide circle of private friends the deep regret that has been caused at the sudden termination of a useful life. Bro. Seager drove to Chislehurst on Monday afternoon, and up to half-past eleven o'clock on Tuesday night he was apparently in his usual health and spirits. He was seized with illness during the night, however, and notwithstanding every care and attention was bestowed he passed away shortly before four o'clock on Wednesday morning. Bro. Seager was a warm supporter of the Benevolent Institutions connected with Freemasonry, as well as of the trade of which he was a member, and his loss will be very generally deplored. In consequence of this sad event the usual weekly meeting of Star Lodge of Instruction will not take place at the Marquis of Granby this (Saturday) evening.

##### BRO. REV. GEORGE THOMAS NOWELL WATKINS.

The New Zealand papers record the death of Bro. the Rev. George Thomas Nowell Watkins, incumbent of Holy Trinity, Greymouth, which sad event took place on June 18th last. Bro. Watkins was a native of Greenwich, where he obtained his early education, finishing his studies at King's College, London. He subsequently undertook the care of private pupils, acted for some time as Chaplain of Greenwich Union, and later on as curate of St. Paul's, Deptford. Ten years ago he was appointed to the

incumbency of Holy Trinity Church, Greymouth, where he remained till his demise. His obsequies were attended with full Masonic honours, the brethren mustering in strong force to testify their respect to the memory of their departed brother, who during his residence amongst them had done so much to further the true interests of Masonry in the colony. He was borne to the tomb by six Past Masters—three of English and three of Scotch lodges, to both of which he belonged; and after the burial service had been read by the Bishop of Nelson, a Masonic oration was delivered at the graveside by Bro. Bevan, Deputy District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. Upwards of a thousand persons witnessed the impressive ceremony, during which the shops in the town were closed and the shipping in the port hoisted their flags half-mast high in tribute of esteem for one who had laboured so long amongst them as an earnest Christian minister and devoted friend, especially of the poor.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

After the business of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, on the 26th ult., the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, W. Bro. Col. Peard presiding, and Bro. John Thomas, Redruth, occupying the vice-chair, as substitute for the P.S.G.W. The loyal toasts having been given, "The Grand Lodge of Mark Masons" was cordially received.

R.W. Bro. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, responding, said although situated far from the seat of the Grand Lodge, the value of its influence was fully appreciated by Cornish Mark Masons. It was a very great pleasure to them to know how greatly Mark Masonry was progressing under their own Grand Lodge. Since its formation, in 1856, it had issued 13,000 certificates to Mark Masons, of whom some 10,000 remained at the present time. There were 240 active lodges, so that it was clear that the Grand Lodge was doing its best to make the Degree known wherever its merits were appreciated—a Degree deserving a better position than it had yet attained. Many professed to be surprised that the Degree was not recognised, and urged that they did not care to belong to any of the "unrecognised Degrees," although they were themselves Knight Templars and members of the Rose Croix—Degrees which were no more recognised than was the Mark in this country. The fact was that in England no Degrees were recognised except the three first and the Royal Arch, this being the result of the arrangement under the "Articles of Union" in 1813. Mark Masons were, therefore, precisely in the same position as the Knight Templars and the members of the Rose Croix and other degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but it was well to remember that wherever the English language was spoken, excepting in England, the Mark Degree was recognised by the Royal Arch Chapters, and in one case by the Craft. It was recognised in Scotland, Ireland, the United States, and in Canada; and in the United States and Canada, &c., the Royal Arch Masons accepted the English Grand Lodge Mark certificates, and unless possessed of these any one wishing to join would have to take the Mark Degree before being admitted. But, although the Degree was not officially recognised in England, it was virtually recognised, as Lord Skelmersdale, the Grand Mark Master, was the Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, and the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was a P.G.M., and Provincial Grand Master in the Mark, as also were Lord Leigh, Lord Holmestdale, &c. And that it was really recognised in Cornwall was proved by the fact that both the Present and the Past Deputy Grand Masters of the Craft in the province had been Provincial Grand Masters of the Mark. As to the antiquity of the Degree, they had many time immemorial lodges and Mark records as far back as of the 16th century, also that day it had been his pleasure to show the Prov. G.M. a photograph of a number of Marks which dated from 1670; and this was quite antiquity enough. The spread of the Grand Lodge had been so rapid that it showed the wisdom of having collected all the Mark lodges under it. With such distinguished Masons at his head, the Degree was certain of prosperity throughout England, as it was in Cornwall under the governance of Col. Peard. (Applause.)

In terms of the warmest eulogy, Bro. W. J. Johns, Prov. G. Sec., proposed "The Provincial Grand Master," who, in responding, said, although a young Mark Mason, he was very much impressed with what he had seen of the Degree; and, reckoning upon the cordial assistance of every Mark Mason in the province, he would do his utmost to promote its further spread and prosperity. (Applause.)

"The Installing Grand Master" was cordially toasted at the call of W. Bro. Chirgwin, Right Worshipful the Mayor of Truro, and Col. Davy, acknowledging the compliment, assured the brethren that it had given him great pleasure to be present on such an auspicious occasion. The visit had given him the fullest assurance that the interests of Mark Masonry in the Province of Cornwall would be well looked after by Col. Peard at its head and Bro. Chirgwin as his Deputy. In lodge, however, he had omitted to tell the D.P.G.M. that it was his duty, when the P.G.M. was unable to do so, to visit the various lodges and see that the work was properly carried out. Although a Devon man, there was some Cornish blood in his veins, inasmuch as his mother was of the family of Tanner, who for very many generations owned property east of St. Austell. With regard to Mark Masonry, he was very fond of the Degree, and he esteemed it a high honour to rule over the senior province in England, and also one of the largest. His hope was that the Degree would take still deeper root in the west, and that under the fostering care of Col. Peard it would flourish in the Cornish Province. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Chirgwin, responding to the toast of his health,

proposed by Bro. Bray, said he was among the first to take the Degree in Cornwall, having gone to Plymouth for advancement. Then he assisted in forming the lodge in Truro, and was afterwards the G.S.W. of the province, but when he entered the lodge that day he had not the remotest idea that he should leave it as D.P.G.M. If he had been consulted respecting it he should have hesitated before accepting the high honour, much preferring that it should remain with W. Bro. Tweedy. The honour, however, having been placed on him, his best services were at the disposal of the brethren. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Col. Peard, proposing "The Prov. G. Officers," felt sure, from the manner in which their names had been received, that the appointment had met with the full approbation of the brethren. A friend fully agreed with him that the highest compliment that could be paid to Bro. W. Tweedy was to give him past rank and instal him as Prov. G. Treas.—an office in the Craft which he filled to the great satisfaction of every one. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Thomas, with much humour, for the Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Truscott, the Prov. G. Treas., and the Prov. G. Sec. responded.

The Prov. G. Treasurer heartily thanked the Prov. G.M. for the great compliment paid him, and remarked that he did not consider it advisable to associate great demands on the purposes of brethren with every Degree. It was much better to confine the chief charity to the Craft. (Hear, hear.)

The Prov. G. Sec. suggested there should be an annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.)

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Representatives of the Seven Lodges," asking for the cordial assistance of all brethren, by the promotion of internal harmony in the lodges.

Bro. J. Thomas, responding, urged as one means of promoting a closer bond of union between the Mark Masons the periodical visitation of lodges by brethren who were skilled in the ritual. This would embue them with energy; they would feel that they were not isolated, but members of a really great Order; and the progress of Mark Masonry in the province would be still more rapid. (Applause.)

Bro. W. Parker Smith, C.E., expressed a hope that a Mark lodge would be established at Lostwithiel or some other central town in the province, so that brethren should not be obliged to travel so many miles to lodge.

Other brethren from the remaining lodges spoke. The Hayle members had had to leave to catch the train, but R.W. Bro. Hughan took the opportunity of mentioning that the Hayle Lodge had held a meeting once a month ever since its formation, and in no lodge in England was the work better done, or the Degree more enthusiastically appreciated.

Bro. H. S. Hill, M.O. 76, responded for "The Visitors."

R.W. Bro. Hughan, in proposing "The Ladies," said there was no doubt at one time women as well as men were admitted to Masonry, the former as associate members. In an old manuscript he discovered at York dated 1693, the address to those about to be initiated read, "Let he or she," and it was also a fact that all the old charges were "to the dame" as well as to the Master.

Bro. Mason made a neat response, suggesting that at least Masons should admit the ladies to their banquets.

Bro. J. Q. James proposed "The Health of Bro. Hughan," who had rendered such excellent service to every Degree in Freemasonry, and was the acknowledged authority throughout the province. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. Hughan responding, endorsed the remarks made respecting an annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and the visiting of the lodges, and cautioned the brethren that numbers were not always strength.

With this toast and its response a very pleasant gathering was brought to a close.—*Cornish Telegraph.*

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in the Broad-room, Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, S. Rawson, James Brett, L. Stean, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Richard Hervé Giraud, Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Cubitt, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Thomas Good, C. G. Dille, John G. Stevens, Dr. Jabez Hogg, F. Adlard, C. F. Hogard, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Secretary, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, reported the death of one candidate, who was the highest unsuccessful candidate at the last and previous elections. The Warden's report merely reported the departure of the various annuitants in the Asylum for their holidays and their return to the Institution.

The Committee's report was also read, which stated that they had visited the building, and found everything satisfactory. They also reported that if a tool house was erected it would free a portion of the Asylum, which would be available as a residence for another annuitant. The health of the inmates was satisfactory, considering their advanced age, one of them being over ninety, and the others also being a great age. The Committee recommended the erection of the tool house referred to.

Bro. Terry read the estimate of a builder, who calculated that the tool house would cost £38 to build, and that he would undertake the erection for that amount.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, it was resolved that the tool house be erected, and that the estimate read be accepted.

One candidate was placed on the list for election, and one widow was granted half her late husband's annuity.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joyce Murray was chairman. There were also present Bros. Donald M. Dewar, W. H. Perryman, S. Rosenthal, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. W. M. Dosell, James Winter, Fredk. Adlard, Dick Radcliffe, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of former meeting, two petitions were received and examined, and the candidates therein mentioned were placed on the list for the April, 1880, election. An outfit was granted to a pupil who has left the Institution and obtained a situation.

The following notices of motions for the Quarterly meeting of the Institution in October were read by Bro. Binckes:—By Bro. C. F. Matier, "That in Law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven' the word 'consecutive' be omitted." (The rule now is that the father of a candidate must have subscribed to one of the Masonic Institutions seven consecutive years.) By Bro. J. A. Birch (East Lancashire), proposed alteration of Rule 73, sub-section 2 to read as follows:—"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election, such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of election." (The rule at present is that subscribers wishing to vote on the removal or election of Secretary must attend personally.)

Bro. Dick Radclyffe's scheme for forming a fund for promoting the advancement of children leaving the schools, a full account of which has appeared already in the columns of the *Freemason*, was explained by Bro. Binckes a circular having been sent requesting the support of the members of the Committee individually, and the project received unanimous approval.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. SEAGER.

The mortal remains of Bro. John Seager, of New Cross, were interred on Monday afternoon last at Nunhead Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The funeral cortege started from the Marquis of Granby at half-past one o'clock, and consisted of a hearse, two mourning coaches, and a number of private vehicles, the mourners in the first carriage being Mrs. Seager, the widow, Mrs. Seager, mother, Miss Seager, sister, and Mr. G. Seager, brother of the departed; and in the second his other two brothers, Messrs. R. and T. Seager, Mr. Hodges, and Mr. Wain, of the Bull's Head, Chislehurst (at which the lodge to which the deceased belonged was held). The route taken was along the New Cross and Queen's roads, up Lausanne-road to the Cemetery, where a number of Masonic brethren had already arrived and awaited the cortege, wearing sprigs of acacia in their button-holes. Amongst them were Bros. Gloster, W.M. of Chislehurst Lodge, 1531; G. Macdonald, P.M. 1158; G. Andrews, P.M. 841, and Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, held at the Marquis of Granby; Waterman, P.M. 147; Hutchins, J.W. 841; W. Fieldson, S.D. 548; Lefevre, Godfrey, Hoskins, Redman, Kedgley, Wright, Pegg, J. A. Smith, and others.

Amongst the friends were Mr. Hobson (late of the Marquis of Granby, and now of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum), Messrs. Hubbard, Taylor, and others. Arrived at the chapel, the brethren formed in single file on either side of the porch, through which the funeral procession passed into the building, where the service was impressively read by the Rev. J. Merriott. At the grave a number of persons had also assembled, and here the concluding rite for the departed was performed, whilst every head was uncovered. The coffin was of English oak, polished, and on the lid a breastplate with the inscription "John Seager, died 3rd September, 1879, in his 47th year." On the lid had also been placed by Bro. Macdonald, on behalf of himself and Bros. Keeble and Andrews, a wreath of white dahlias, gardenias, jasmine, and fern, whilst some other sympathetic friends had adorned the bier with two handsome bouquets of white flowers and ferns. As the mourners were leaving the graveside, Bro. Andrews threw his sprig of acacia upon the coffin, with the words "As this evergreen once marked the resting-place of the illustrious dead, so let it mark the resting-place of our departed brother." The rest of the brethren followed the example, and thus testified their respect for one who had been so long and highly esteemed amongst them. In tribute of respect also a number of the tradespeople in the locality partially closed their shops during the time of the funeral.

Gena, the gorilla which has been exhibited at the Crystal Palace since August 19th, has just died, the cause of death being pleuro-pneumonia. A post-mortem examination showed that the heart was also affected.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

PERKINS.—On the 4th inst., at 6, Clissold-park-villas, Stoke Newington, the wife of Mr. William Tress Perkins, of a son.

REILLY.—On the 8th inst., at Woodberry Down Cottage, Stoke Newington, the wife of Mr. C. Reilly, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

GAMMON—SMITH.—On the 6th inst., at Waterloo-road Chapel, by the Rev. John Gammon, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Samuel Allin, Frederic Thomas Gammon, of Park-road-terrace, Forest-hill, to Alice Eliza Canada, youngest sister of Bro. Charles Smith, P.M. Ivy Lodge, 1441, and P. Soj. Chap. 1604.

HEARSON—COW.—On the 4th inst., at Immanuel Church, Streatham-common, by the Rev. Stenton Eardley, B.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. G. Swinnerton, M.A., Richard Osmond Hearson, son of Mr. Thomas Hearson, of Barnstaple, Devon, to Mary Billing, daughter of Mr. P. B. Cow, Streatham-common.

## DEATHS.

CARTE.—On the 1st inst., at Torrington-square, the Rev. Thomas Simpson Carte, M.A.

COLLINS.—On the 5th inst., at Stedham, in his 80th year, the Rev. Caleb Collins.

HAY.—On the 2nd inst., at the Elms, Sunderland, Mr. James Hay, aged 64 years.

## NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1880 is preparing for publication early in November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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## OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

Our readers will have perceived from our report, and realized with heartfelt regret, the absence of our excellent and kindly Grand Secretary from Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication through continued illness, but will have equally rejoiced to learn on the high authority of Bro. Buss, A.G.S., that our esteemed and respected friend, (for friend he is to all of us), is "better." With Bro. Martyn's motion they will heartily sympathize, concurring alike in its words and aspirations, echoing the one and responding to the other, with the good old Masonic prayer, "So mote it be." We are sure we are but expressing the feelings of our entire Fraternity when we add that their anxious and hearty good wishes are with our admirable Grand Secretary in all his trials, trusting that in the Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. we may soon welcome his genial presence amongst us again, in better health and in his wonted activity and urbanity, which are so great and so commendable, to continue his invaluable services to the Grand Lodge and universal Masonry.

## PERSECUTION FOR RELIGION'S SAKE.

What a sad chapter is that in the history of the world which is darkened by the sorrowful records of persecution, by the animosities of countless professors of religion, by the cruel deeds of the blood-stained arena, by the lurid fires of the Inquisition. Indeed, it has often struck acute thinkers how strange is this tendency to persecute others for conscience sake in the annals of our race, and some one has called man "a thinking, indeed, but a persecuting animal." As we look back to-day through a long roll of ages, how melancholy is the spectacle presented to our view. Heathens and Hebrews, Christians and non-Christians, Mahomedans and Buddhists, —all equally in turn persecutors of others—who in this or that, in a doctrine or a declaration, a name or a novelty, a vestment or a picture, a creed or a catechism, disagreed or dissented from their neighbours. Indeed, it is hard to-day to put our finger on any one religious denomination and say of it that in its teachings or practices persecution is unknown. One great religious body, the Church of England, from which most of our excellent and admirable Chaplains emerge, is, perhaps, the most tolerant religious organization that ever existed, and to its wise toleration and large-hearted charity we are indebted, since Popes first cursed us, and the intolerant excommunicated us, for that long array of excellent Masons who have done honour both to our Craft and their own kindly and Catholic creed. But still, as we all know, and as we have seen of late years, the spirit of persecution survives, and whether it is Dominic wielding the scourge and lighting up the Auto-da-fe, or Baptists and Presbyterians banning, not blessing, Freemasons, or Roman Catholic Bishops and priests refusing the rites of religion, or Cardinals and Popes excommunicating us "en bloc," or unbelievers striking out the very name of God, it is all one and the same hateful system; what we call in our emphatic and truthful Masonic language, "the debasing practice of persecution." If "Truth" is to hold its own, if religion is to commend its acceptance to the doubtful and the disputatious, the cold and the callous, the sneer-

ing and the sceptic, it is not by harsh words or cruel deeds, the outcome of unreasoning violence, intolerant injustice, and un-Christian anger. No! it is by the mild and persuasive words of gentleness, and charity, and goodness; by the active practice of what we profess; by charitable lives, as well as by kindly words, and by the exercise of that spirit of courtesy, consideration, and love which forgets that we are erring but realizes that we are human, which ignores that we are offending but "pitieth our infirmities." Religion, to be religion, requires no sword of Dominic, no fires of Smithfield; "its words are words of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace." One of the most humiliating chapters in the history of Christianity is the persecution of the Hebrew race. Admitted that the Jews in the first glow of Christianity were adverse and hostile to Christians; proved, as probably it may be, that in the early Roman persecutions they joined the heathen array, and took part in the mockeries and massacres of the arena, surely that is no reason why Christians, in the later and middle ages especially, should have looked on the Hebrews as hardly human beings, should have heaped every indignity upon their heads, and should have treated them habitually as the "off-scouring of all things," with every species of rapacity, plunder, cruelty, insult, and oppression. It really does seem to us a most degrading commentary on the practice of our age and the progress of civilization in the world, to be told to-day that in Servia and Roumania the great question is how not to give the Jews equal rights, and how that Roumanian statesmen are "beating about the bush" in all directions to seek to find some means of evading the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin, which enjoin equal rights and just laws, and kind consideration for the Hebrew race in that country. Wonderful paradox of humanity! We who have studied the Hebrew history know well what industrious and useful members of the body politic Hebrews are, and though perhaps it is true of them that they constitute a "nation within a nation," and that their true patriotic ardour is bound up with the land of their old renown, with Jerusalem and Jordan, the hills and vales of Palestine, yet we never could understand how Christians believing in Christianity could wish to persecute the Hebrews. We do, therefore, denounce to-day any refusal to them, in any quarter of the globe, of their just and undeniable rights. We protest against treatment which is detestable, and persecution which is cowardly, of a harmless, and kindly, and loyal race, and we trust that the time is not far distant when it shall be admitted that the rights of Hebrews are as sacred as those of any other religion or class in the world, and that they have every warrant to claim both our sympathy and our support, our good will and regard, as valued, and valuable, and industrious workers in the great social hive. Let us hope we have heard the last of Servian injustice and Roumanian cruelties to the Hebrews, and that we may live to learn to boast in this epoch of light and liberty that we persecute no one for conscience sake, much less for religion's sake.

## MASONIC AMENITIES.

We are sorry to note how very abusive and unbrotherly Freemasons are when they once get into print. What is that peculiar power, or, (if we may so say), temper of publicity which continually renders us uncourteous and inconsiderate, unkind and unfair to others? Curiously enough, Freemasons, who are always preaching, or, as some one has said sneeringly, "spouting" brotherly love, seem sometimes in print the most censorious of critics, the most bitter of writers, and the most violent of opponents. Put a pen in the hand of a brother and give him space in our columns, and set him out and up with the "clearness of type," and there seem no limits sometimes to the causticity of his criticisms, no measure to the violence of his remarks, (not unfrequently libellous), upon others, whom he terms in lodge "his brethren in Masonry." Why is this? Whence this sad contrast between profession and practice? this abject parody on the whole kindly teaching and temper of our friendly, and fraternal, and considerate, and courteous Order? We suppose that it can only be attri-

buted to the abiding weakness of our "poor humanity," and as Masons are only mortals, and mortals are always weak and erring, so the weakness and errors of our common nature remain the unvarying heritage of Masons as well as others. Otherwise we do not profess to understand it. It, no doubt, constitutes a great scandal to our Order, and is too often made use of as a handle, especially by the ignorant and weak-headed, against the use of Masonry in general, as an argument against its "outcome" in particular. We are always sorry when we note a spirit of personality creeping into our columns, and we have sought, and we venture to think not unsuccessfully, to keep the *Freemason* clear from language which is offensive, and open attack, or veiled insinuation, which are derogatory to our profession and practice as Freemasons. At the Antipodes we note that in the heat of Masonic controversy sad words are used, and most un-Masonic expressions run current. One brother calls an opponent a "Thug," and the other brother retorts by calling his assailant a "cur." And so it goes on until the outer world, if they judge of Freemasonry by rival editors or antagonistic papers, by Masonic Pottses or Sturks, must begin to think Freemasonry a great humbug altogether, to be sick of its tinsel and its speeches, its many professions of charity and brotherly love, and yet its undeniable proofs of "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness." We trust, however, that all such episodes and facts are but exceptions, and passing "little motes in the glorious sunbeam of Freemasonry," and that its really beneficent principles and noble works will yet convince the world that however here and there we prove that as Masons we are always only mortals after all at the very best, we have a right to be proud of our excellent, and admirable, and really beneficial and charitable Brotherhood.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

#### PROVINCIAL OFFICE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to interpose in this controversy, which seems to have originated again in Hampshire, and in which a good deal of personal feeling is clearly mixed up, to say that I, for one, greatly deprecate these reiterated complaints of "vaulting ambition." There is a "craving" for rank just now "afloat" amongst us, which seems to portend great mischief to Freemasonry unless timely checked, and from some experience I feel sure that I am right in saying that it is both unmeaning and un-Masonic in the highest degree. In the exercise of their little yearly patronage our Provincial Rulers are often sorely tried by the claims of some who have no warrant to ask for provincial office, and yet feel themselves sorely aggrieved if they are passed over. If in the recent correspondence about Hampshire there is intended to be read a covert attack on the ruler of that province, all I can say is, that I am very sorry Hampshire Masons have nothing better to write about in your well filled columns.

"Delete," Bro. Editor, "Delete," and oblige yours fraternally,

AN OLD PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

#### THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having carefully read the correspondence which has appeared in your columns relative to the distribution of Masonic honours in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I should like to offer a few comments thereon, in the hope of convincing the writers of these annual epistles to the *Freemason* how purely imaginary their grievances are.

"An Old P.M." evidently thinks that provincial honours ought to be distributed in equal proportions to all the lodges in rotation; but it is difficult to see the equity of such an arrangement. Provincial honours, to be worth anything, should only be given in recognition of Masonic ability or as a reward for distinguished services rendered to the Craft; and a careful analysis of the list of honours which have been conferred in the Province of Hampshire during the past ten years clearly shows that not a little discrimination and judgment have been displayed in awarding them. An impartial examination will convince any one that they have been invariably given for one of three reasons.

1. That the lodge is a large supporter of the Masonic Charities; 2. That it is numerically very large; or, 3. That some individual brother has shown himself to be possessed of conspicuous ability and devotion to the cause of Freemasonry which claims special recognition.

Take the lodges to which "An Old P.M." takes exception. To begin with Southampton, the three principal

lodges of that town represent no less than 233 votes for the two principal Masonic Institutions (I include individual subscribers in this calculation). This represents an amount of self-denying labour and liberality which is not easily computed. Is a lodge which has only fifteen or twenty votes (and there are several) to receive equal recognition in the distribution of provincial honours? Basingstoke, which has received six collars in ten years, is represented in the lists of the two Institutions by 100 votes; Aldershot by ninety-six; the Royal Sussex by seventy-one; the Portsmouth Lodge by sixty; Winchester by fifty-six; Fareham by forty-seven; and the Phoenix Lodge by forty-five. To Portsmouth Lodge, no doubt, a large share of honours has fallen; but it must be borne in mind that it is a very numerous lodge (with one exception only, making the largest return to Grand Lodge), and that prior to 1868 it received but scant recognition.

There is another reason why other lodges do not stand higher on the list, viz., the non-attendance of their more deserving members at Provincial Grand Lodge, which renders them ineligible to receive those marks of distinction which would otherwise be gladly bestowed on them. As a rule, those most clamorous for provincial honours are the least worthy to receive them, and it is positively sickening to hear of the number of aspirants for the "purple" who are continually obtruding their claims to recognition on the notice of the Provincial Grand Master.

In conclusion, let me express a hope that unless there is some more worthy reason than that assigned by "An Old P.M." to be alleged against the preponderance of provincial honours in particular lodges we shall hear no more of the matter.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
Sept. 8th, 1879. A JUNIOR WARDEN.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with the remarks of your Southampton correspondent, that the R.W.P.G. Master has a very difficult duty to perform in distributing the collars, and it cannot be expected that he is personally acquainted with the merits of the brethren forming the various lodges under his banner; he is, therefore, necessarily greatly dependent on the recommendations of his officers, and as he probably keeps no list of the honours he bestows from year to year, he would not notice that certain lodges get the lion's share. Let this be as it may—one thing is certain, the province is far too large, and it would conduce greatly to its prosperity if measures were taken to obtain a division. With regard to the social status of the brethren, so long as they are in reputable circumstances (and if they are not they should not be admitted as Masons) their rank or station in the outer world should not be considered, for we are taught that "he who is on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be equally deserving of honour and esteem with the one who is on the highest." It will often happen that the recipient of honour belongs to more than one lodge, but as a rule, brethren send in their names in connection with the one they are most actively connected with.

The lodges that are not in active work, and those which have been recently constituted, I specially marked to shew a reason for their not receiving honours.

The Hengist Lodge in 1876 received a Grand Director of Ceremonies' collar, and I find I have inadvertently put it in the next column, thus showing on the table thirteen Grand Superintendents of Works, and only eleven Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

If the P.G. Chaplain refers to my letter, he will find I have not said one word against the recipients of the honours—I do not doubt for a moment that they are quite deserving of them; but in his letter he, perhaps unintentionally, casts a slur upon members of the lodges that have been passed over, by remarking, "It is not so much the number of the lodges in the province as the quality of the respective members of the lodges," thus implying that these unfortunate lodges have few if any deserving brothers connected with them. Whether the word "quality" is to be understood to apply to their social position or their Masonic merits he does not say (and one of the great principles of Masonry being equality, money bags should not be allowed to count), but in either sense I can affirm, from my own personal knowledge of many of the lodges in question, and of a large number of the brethren (of good social position) connected with them, that our beautiful ritual is most ably carried out by the officers, that the Charities are liberally supported, and that many of the brethren are thoroughly good working Masons, deserving honours they may never hope to receive under existing circumstances. These are facts which the publication of my name cannot in any way alter.

With reference to the suggestion of a P.P.G. Officer to make the collar of the P.G. Treasurer available, I think this would only be as a drop in the ocean, and go a very small way towards improving our position, and our present P.G. Treasurer is a good working Mason, whose happy-looking face and genial manners I for one should greatly miss at our meetings. Our best remedy is division.

As Stewards are not entitled to wear the purple, or to rank as Past Officers after their year of office, the appointment is not valued as it would be if they were (and as it is in the Mark, &c.).

I did not say the collar subjected them to annoyance from the rest of, but from the jests of, their brethren.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

[Surely it is time this correspondence ceased.—ED. F.M.]

#### MASONRY AND TAPESTRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Cambrian Archaeological Society made Welchpool and its neighbourhood the scene of their annual

meeting, and their last day's excursion (August 30th) included the inspection of Montgomery Castle, &c. About half-a-mile further on is a magnificent old timbered black and white house called "Lymore," which, after the destruction of the Castle in 1649, was made the residence of the Lords Herbert of Chisbury, the ancestors of the present Earl of Powis, the now owner, and it contains many well preserved hangings of tapestry. The finest specimen represents the "Visit of the Queen of Sheba to our Grand Master King Solomon." The figures in the foreground are nearly life size, and two of them are boldly depicted as embracing as Master Masons. The date of the tapestry is 1556, and evidently was removed from Montgomery Castle.

Can any brother give any further information of tapestry having so marked an intimation of our aporetta?

D. P. OWEN,

P.M., P.Z. 998.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, 1839.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to call your attention to a clerical error in your otherwise faithful record of the proceedings on this occasion. You state Bro. Joseph Woolley, W.M. designate, was installed, &c., but omitted my surname—Brooke.

As my friends may not recognise me when shorn of my principal cognomen, I shall be obliged by your kindly correcting the omission.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. W. BROOKE,

34, Chryssell-road,

Brixton-road, S.W.

W.M. 1839.

September 6th, 1879.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

I am very delighted to inform the Craft through the medium of the *Freemason* that another old and valuable Masonic MS. has been traced, this time the fortunate finder being a most painstaking and intelligent Masonic student, Bro. W. Fred Vernon, P.M., &c., of Kelso, Scotland. For years I have, with others, endeavoured to find out if there were any versions of the "Old Charges" at Melrose, but I have utterly failed to do so, all enquiries ending with the same negative result, though I felt sure it was most likely one or more existed there somehow or other. Bro. Vernon has just communicated to me the pleasing intelligence that he has found one at last, after many trials, and so naturally it will be designated

#### THE MELROSE MS.

being in the archives of the ancient lodge which assembled in Melrose for centuries. The beginning of the MS. is, as usual, an invocation to the Trinity. Of its general character Bro. Vernon had not time to make sure, but at the end of the MS. is the following:—

"Be it known to all men to whom these presents shall come that Robert Wincester hath lawfully done his dutie to the science of Masonrie, in witness whereof I, John Wincester, his Master Free Mason, have subscribit my name and sett to my mark, in the year of our Lord 1581, and in the raing of our most Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, the (22) year."

For the time then we put it down to 1583. On the margin is a note to this effect, "Extracted by me, A. M., upon the 1, 2, 3, and 4 days of December, Anno MDCLXXXIII," but it is evidently a copy of an older MS. I await impatiently for any further details, and have at once sent word to Bro. Vernon of the importance of his discovery, in which, as my able co-labourer, I feel certain Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford will most gladly join.

I trust the ancient lodge will afford Bro. Vernon every opportunity and facilities for his researches, and we have all full confidence in his ability to do full justice in the matter.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### WILLIAM PRESTON'S INITIATION.

In answer to "Masonic Student" I have to report that at present it is not possible to state exactly when Preston was initiated, as the dispensation was acted upon before the constitution of the lodge, but it is quite evident that he received the light between March 2nd and April 20th, 1763, or in other words, as the dispensation was agreed to on the 2nd March, to continue in force for "the space of thirty days," it is most likely the initiation took place in March, 1763. I think it probable that too much stress has been laid upon the order of the list of members of Lodge, No. 111, "Ancients," under date 1st June, 1763, and for the reasons stated very clearly in a letter received from our able Bro. Gould, as follows:—

"It must be recollected that the memoir in the "Freemasons' Magazine" of 1795 was professedly compiled by his friend (and brother P.M. of Lodge *Antiquity*) Stephen Jones, Preston himself being at the time a contributor to the journal in question, and there can be no doubt he inspired, if indeed he did not actually write, this article. The entry in the books of Grand Lodge (Register of Lodges, vol. 4, letter D) proves, I think, that Bro. Loch-head having used his dispensation to good purpose, the brethren gathered together under his provisional authority, were constituted as a lodge on April 20th, 1763. Preston's position on the list (*twelfth*) might indicate that ten members of the new lodge had met under the dispensation before Preston and the first initiate were admitted. I am disposed, however, to attach no importance to the order in which the names appear. The three first on the roll were Wm. Leslie, Charles Holden, and John Irwin."

I have preferred giving the exact words of Bro. Gould on the subject, and feel glad that the letter of "Masonic Student" has called forth this second communication from the author of the "Four Old Lodges" respecting William Preston, and as we have now before us the latest known facts, we shall not fail in thanking Bro. Gould for his valuable information.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

E. Sir Knt. Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, has forwarded to me a copy of the proceedings of that body at the twenty-eighth annual conclave, held at Allentown, in May last. One cannot but be struck by the extent of labour involved in the compilation of such a report, consisting of no less than 232 pages, and by the excellence and care displayed both in its preparation and printing. The R.E. Grand Commander in his annual report alludes to the pilgrimages of some of the knights to Europe last year, and says, "from the glowing accounts received from the individual members who participated in the pilgrimages they must have had an enjoyable time, and created a favourable impression abroad of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania." The Grand Recorder in his report also alludes to the pilgrimage, and says, "the most unbounded hospitalities were extended by all, and the warmest, heartiest welcome awaited them wherever they went;" and then he gives a number of names of brethren who were prominent in extending hospitalities. After the installation of the new R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knt. John P. S. Gobin, he delivered an elaborate address, which is printed *in extenso*. In the course of his remarks he said: "An examination of the basis of the charters of the York Masons reveals the facts that they are imbued with the spirit of the first Christian communities, whose members having separated themselves from those who were animated by totally different feelings, had surrendered themselves to such apostolic teaching as might present to them the pure doctrines of the new faith. The fraternal and uniformly equitable principles of the ancient laws of the Roman colleges were very intimately known to those who presented the primitive doctrine of Christ. The teachings of the Hermit Schools, the most prominent instructors at that time in the doctrines of the new faith in Great Britain, were found by the assembly of Freemasons, convened at York, so identical with the principles professed by them and their predecessors for nearly five hundred years that they did not deem it necessary to envelope such teachings in new forms. On the contrary, in forming the constitution they based it on the ancient humanitarian principles which were in entire harmony with universal morality, and in entire conformity with the early Christian doctrine." As usual, Bro. Meyer's report on correspondence is framed with great perspicuity, and the skill with which he has picked out the salient points and given a connected form to the whole is worthy of every commendation. It is a department in which our eminent brother excels. The address of the Great Prior of Canada, Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, is noticed at great length, and long extracts are given from it, the Grand Recorder justly saying that it is "very interesting and ably written." It is to be regretted that some better understanding cannot be come to between the Great Priory of Canada and the Grand Encampment of the United States on the question of equality of status. The practice of frequent appearances in public in the uniform of the Order manifestly leads to difficulties, and I notice that Grand Masters of several districts have been compelled to interfere and forbid the promiscuous wearing of Templar clothing. In this respect unquestionably our strict English rules are to be preferred. Amongst other items worthy of notice is the gift by the Grand Commandery of Mississippi of a "Templar medal of silver," to be worn by the best scholar in the Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum. The Secretary of the Asylum reports that the medal has excited the greatest ambition amongst the children, and has produced the best results. Might not the Great Priory of England take a hint from this and give a decoration to be competed for by the pupils of our Boys' and Girls' Schools? There are numberless items of interest to be culled from this cheerful volume which will well repay perusal. Its frontispiece is a portrait of Past Grand Commander S. B. Dick, and a very good likeness it is. Sir Knight Dick brought to me a letter of introduction from Sir Knight C. E. Meyer, and I was privileged to spend a few hours in his company a few weeks ago, and to show him some of the archaeological curiosities of our ancient city. May the Masonic cord across the Atlantic be for ever strengthened.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York.

#### THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

In reply to Bro. Hughan Lodges Nos. 637-40, of the 1792-1813 numeration, are placed by me at 1812 because no other date is assigned them in any official list published prior to 1815, and a deviation on my part from the figures exhibited in the "Freemasons' Calendar" would have changed the reprint I professedly appended to the "Four Old Lodges" into a fanciful production of my own.

I think it more than probable Bro. Hughan is quite right in lowering the seniority of the lodges in question to 1813, though as the 1813 edition of the Calendar (like all the rest) was prepared before the close of the preceding year, it is fairly possible that Nos. 637-40 were constituted in the interval between the publication of the Calendar and the end of 1812? Referring to my notes, I find that No. 636 was constituted on the 12th February, 1812, but the seniority of Nos. 637-40 I have no memorandum of.

I am much obliged to Bro. Hughan for pointing out my inadvertency (in the prefatory remarks to the 1748 list) in alluding to present No. 67 as the then No. 105, instead of No. 185. In giving, as I have attempted to do,

full descriptions—viz., number, name, locality, and date of constitution—of more than three thousand lodges, together with nearly two thousand additional numbers by way of marginal reference, it is matter of certainty that some mistakes must have occurred, but I shall be very thankful to have them noticed, and am sanguine enough to believe that none of real consequence will be detected.

R. F. GOULD.

#### MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

An inquest was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Liverpool, before Mr. Clark Aspinall, coroner, on the body of Bro. Samuel Porter, forty-nine years of age, a pilot in the service of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, who lived at 35, Kembler-street, Liverpool. The deceased was one of a number of pilots on board No. 9 pilot boat, which was cruising on the second Hoyle station on Tuesday afternoon. According to the statement of William Davies, a pilot, it appeared that the deceased was fishing on board the boat, and Dr. Henry George Samuels, of Shaw-street, Liverpool, who had been shooting gulls, was sitting on a seat on the starboard quarter, close to Porter. The boat was rolling considerably. Dr. Samuels had his gun in his hands, pointing over his left arm out to sea, over the boat's quarter. The hammer was down. The doctor had his toe against a "bit" to prevent his slipping off the seat, but the boat gave a heavier roll than before, and he fell forward off the seat. In his fall the gun went off, and the deceased said he was shot. Witnesses then noticed that Porter's right knee was injured. Dr. Samuels did all he could for the deceased after the accident, and remained with him till he was placed in the Northern Hospital at Liverpool the same night. William Crane, the pilot who was in charge of the boat, said that Dr. Samuels went out with them for a sail at his invitation. The boat was four miles outside the bar lightship at the time of the accident, and was sailing about two miles an hour. Dr. Samuels said that the accident took place exactly as described by the witnesses, and was entirely owing to his being thrown from his seat. The hammer was down, as he had finished shooting. He felt very seasick, or he should have gone below at once and taken off the cap. He held the gun so that it could not possibly have done any mischief but for the sea unexpectedly causing him to fall forward. The deceased's right leg was much shattered, and only amputation could save him. Dr. Batty, of the Northern Hospital, stated that the injured man's leg was amputated. He died from the injuries on Wednesday afternoon. The Coroner, addressing the jury, observed that nothing could be more painful to all parties concerned than an accident of this nature. Naturally, the severity of the shock fell chiefly on the domestic circle, but, outside the family, probably no one could have felt more keenly or regretted more bitterly the occurrence than did Dr. Samuels. For his own part he felt, personally, and he was sure the jury would all feel not only great sympathy with the family, but also a large amount of sympathy with the doctor in his painful position, as having been in a certain sense the innocent cause of such a fearful calamity. The Foreman, after consultation with the jury, said they were agreed that the deceased came by his death through a pure accident, and they deeply sympathised both with his family and the doctor. The Coroner requested the brother of the deceased to convey to the widow the expression of sympathy from the jury and himself, and added that he hoped something would be done in the way of provision for the wife and family bereft by the accident.

The mortal remains of the deceased were interred in Anfield Cemetery, near Liverpool, last Sunday morning, and the extremely melancholy nature of the fatal occurrence, coupled with the fact that he was very greatly and generally respected in the service, led to the attendance of an immense concourse of people. The deceased was connected with the Masonic body, having been initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 673, in the year 1865, and he was also a prominent member of the Orange fraternity, occupying, before his death, the office of Master of the Pride of Liverpool Lodge, No. 248, which holds its meetings at the Conservative Association Rooms, Prescott-street. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, being connected with the St. John's Chapter, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. These Orders were very numerously represented yesterday, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by those attached to the fraternities. About 100 pilots connected with the port were present, and the concourse of persons in the cemetery must have numbered upwards of 2000. The funeral cortege, which included three mourning coaches (containing the relatives of the deceased) and about twenty private conveyances, followed by the Masonic and Orange representatives, left the late residence of the deceased, 35, Kembler-street, shortly after eight o'clock, and proceeded to the cemetery, where the interment took place about half-past nine o'clock. Amongst the Freemasons connected with St. John's Lodge present were Bros. Brackenbury, W.M.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; R. Pearson, P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; H. Nelson, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M. H. Burrows, P.M.; L. Herman, S.W.; G. Godfrey, S.; J. Atkinson, W. Matthews, C. Jacobs, G. Nixon, J. Roberts, Bebington, W. Crane, J. Lolly, Bevan, J. Black, W. Corfield, J. Purvis, T. Garrett, W. E. Morton, T. Holden, M. de Goitea, W. Reine, T. Bowker, R. Whitehead, T. Whiteside, J. H. Jones, D. Lowry, R. Rowsthorne, J. W. Lowndes, and others. The representatives of other Masonic lodges included Bros. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; C. Campion, 1609; S. K. Gardham, 1035; Gee, Anderson, J. F. Lloyd, 1675; R. Leigh, 1356; W. Long, 1356; J. Beattie, 1086; R. Parry, 1086; W. Jones, 594; H. Wilson, 1182; T. Lewis, 1356; J. Bradshaw; R. Ashford, 1182; Dr. Hughes, 220; D. Ritchie, 1182; E.

Griffiths, 724; T. S. Williams, 1086; H. Parry, 1086; R. Foote, Secretary 1505; J. Pendleton, 724; J. Horner, 1356; W. Andrews, 1356; Gordon, 724, and others. Many of these brethren are pilots, and amongst the Orange representatives, who appeared in their regalia, were Bros. J. Ballard, P.G.S. (No. 2 district); W. Magee, W.D.M.; F. Morgan, D.S.; T. Gee, D.D.M.; G. M'Coy, Treasurer 248; R. Jervis, G.T.; G. Gordon, 57, and others. The general company also included Capt. Scott, Master of No. 9 pilot boat (with which the deceased was connected); Mr. J. Pritchard, Master of the Waterloo Dock; Mr. W. Brewer, steam pilot; G. T. Lunt, and others. The funeral service in the chapel, which was densely crowded, and also at the graveside, was conducted by the Rev. Isaac Holmes, Chaplain of the Kirkdale Industrial Schools, and clergyman of the cemetery. The members of the Orange body, who had gathered in a circle round the last resting place of their brother, afterwards paid their last sad tribute of respect to his memory; and after the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" had been sung, Mr. W. H. Smith, connected with the Protestant Reformation Society, addressed a few practical words to the assembled brethren.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, having been appointed to the vicarage of Wimbish, Essex, the Marquis of Exeter has nominated the Rev. John Lindsay to the vacant rectory, to which he was instituted on Friday, the 5th inst.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland, Thirty-third Degree, held on the 8th inst., presided over by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., III. Bro. S. Constantine Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, S.C., was admitted to the Thirty-third Degree as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the West Indies.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held under the banners of lodges Nos. 281, 1051, 1353, and 1561, in the Winter Gardens at Morecambe, on Wednesday, the 1st October. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, is expected to preside, and it is thought that the holding of the lodge at this attractive watering place will induce a large number of the Craft to be present.

CORINTHIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1382.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bros. R. P. Tate, S.D. 862, W.M.; H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541, S.W.; J. S. Brown, 862, J.W.

#### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. McCulloch, 1541.
2nd " ...	" Kearney, 1541.
3rd " ...	" Gush, I.G. 1541.
4th " ...	" Abell, W.M. 1509.
5th " ...	" Long, P.M. 435.
6th " ...	" Brown, 862.
7th " ...	" Thompson, 862.

#### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Vizzard, 1472.
2nd " ...	" Marston, P.M. 1599; S.W. 55.
3rd " ...	" Fox, 201.
4th " ...	" Hallam, sen., S.W. 1349.
5th " ...	" Stacey, P.M. 180.

#### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Larching, J.W. 1541.
2nd " ...	" Snelling, 180.
3rd " ...	" Hallam, jun., 218.

Bro. W. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

The annual communication of the Province of North and East Yorkshire is announced to be held at the Guildhall, York, on Wednesday next. The programme of the proceedings includes a procession to the cathedral and a special service, with collection for the Masonic Charities and the Minster Restoration Fund, a banquet at the Defrey Rooms at five o'clock, to be followed by a conversazione, to which ladies will be admitted. The meeting is held under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and its members are sparing neither pains nor expense to render the meeting an event to be long remembered. Remembering the success which attended the reception of the American Masons last year by this active and prosperous lodge we can have no doubt of the success of their efforts on the present occasion.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday announces that the Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon Captain Lord William Beresford, of the 9th Lancers, whose claim has been submitted for her Majesty's approval, for gallant conduct in having at great personal risk, during the retirement of the reconnoitring party across the "White Umvolosi River," on 3rd July last, turned to assist Sergeant Fitzmaurice, 1st Battalion 24th Foot (whose horse had fallen with him), mounted him behind him on his horse, and brought him away in safety under the close fire of the Zulus, who were in great force, and coming on quickly. Lord William Beresford's position was rendered most dangerous from the fact that Sergeant Fitzmaurice twice nearly pulled him from his horse.

The well-known Parsee philanthropist, Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, C.S.I., has given 20,000 rupees towards the establishment of a medical college at Ahmedabad, to be called after him. The same gentleman gave 40,000 rupees for a similar institution at Poonah.

L'Allegro, an experienced provincial journalist who has honestly earned a good reputation in the literary world as a writer of numerous popular serial stories, has ready for publication a series of novelettes entitled "Newspaper Romances."

The Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, has resumed its weekly meeting at the Old Jerusalem Chapter, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

The installation meeting of the Star in the East Lodge, 650, took place at Harwich on Tuesday last. Bro. Wm. Basham, P.P.G.S.B., was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. George Gard Pye, P.P.G.D.S., P.M.

A meeting of the Original, or Premier Conclave of England, took place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday last, when the usual business was transacted.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters, was held at 2, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday last, when several candidates were received and admitted to the Degree.

Lieut.-Col. Henry Peisley L'Estrange, Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden Norfolk, P.Z. No. 52, &c., is to be installed as Provincial Grand Superintendent of the P.G. Chapter of Norfolk, at Norwich, on Monday, the 22nd inst.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire is appointed to be held at Portmadoc on the 18th inst., and on the following day an especial meeting of P.G. Lodge will be held for the purpose of consecrating the new Masonic Hall.

**THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—The street collection made by this Fund on Saturday last has resulted in £1028 7s. 3d. being obtained for the hospitals of London. It is an advance of £110 11s. 6d., or 11 per cent. on last year, and is exclusive of the boxes placed by local committees in West Ham, Hammersmith, and Greenwich. The amount paid into the office up to Tuesday, exclusive of the street collection, is £693 18s. 5d.

The receipts into the Exchequer from the 1st April, 1879, to September 6th, amounted to £31,519,076, against £31,426,237 in the corresponding period of 1878. The expenditure for the same period was £36,417,305, against £36,596,989.

**A HORSE POISONED BY TEA.**—The *Lancet* remarks that Lord William Beresford, in addition to his distinction as a gallant and chivalrous soldier, will be distinguished in history as the owner of a horse which was poisoned by tea. The *Veterinary Journal* reports the "case," and characterises it as "unparalleled in the annals of veterinary or even human toxicology." A staff cook having left some pounds of tea in a sack, a Kaffir groom filled it with corn, and serving out the contents to a troop of horses, gave Lord William Beresford's charger the bulk of the tea, which was eaten greedily, and produced the most startling results. The animal plunged and kicked, and ran backwards, at intervals galloping madly around, finally falling into a donga, where it lay dashing its head on the rocks, and was dispatched by an assegai thrust through the heart. The post-mortem appearances indicated extreme cerebral congestion. The occurrence as an accident is probably unique. The phenomena exhibited were, however, characteristic of the action of caffeine—namely, cerebral excitement, with partial loss of sensibility, convulsions, and death. The sensory nerves are paralysed without any corresponding paralysis of the motor nerves, so that the muscular action which proceeds from ideation and volition remains unaffected. The reversal of limb movements, which produces running backwards in quadrupeds, is a common symptom of brain disturbance, frequently witnessed, for example, in the case of puppies with unclosed crania. The case is one of great interest, and may help to throw light on the action of tea, which has not been sufficiently studied, and must be still classed as unexplained.

The eldest son of Bro. J. Trotter, J.P., solicitor, of Stockton-on-Tees, was drowned on Wednesday while bathing at Saltburn.

The death of Mr. Reuben Browning, in his seventy-seventh year, is announced. Mr. Browning was the author of a number of pamphlets upon political, financial, and social subjects. His chief works, however, had reference to finance.

An important improvement has taken place in the tin market, and the Cornish smelters on Wednesday advanced the standards £3 per ton, making a total advance of £10 per ton in the standards within a few weeks.

**BRIGHTON AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW.**—The annual autumn flower show was held on Wednesday, in the Royal Pavilion, at Brighton. Mr. Ashbury, M.P., gave a ten-guinea cup for grapes, which was gained by the gardener to Earl Somers, and the railway company also gave a cup for stove and greenhouse plants.

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**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the Week ending Friday, September 19, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**  
Lodge 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**  
Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
Lodge 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea.  
Chap. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.  
K.H.S. 1, Mount Carmel, F.M. Tav.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**  
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.  
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.  
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**  
House Com., Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
" 1728, Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.

Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.**

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
Encampment 6, St. George, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, September 20, 1879.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**  
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**  
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**  
Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.**  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Jacques de Molay Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, September 20, 1879.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**  
Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.  
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.  
" 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.  
Chap. 345, Perseverance, Old Bull, Blackburn.  
Mark 141, Skelmersdale, Pitt & Nelson Hot., Ashton-U. L.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**  
Lodge 1052, Callender, M.H., Manchester.  
" 1534, Concord, George Hot., Prestwich.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**  
Lodge 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.  
" 325, St. John, M.H., Salford.  
" 633, Yarborough, M.H., Manchester.  
" 1129, St. Chad, Roebuck Hot., Rochdale.  
" 1161, De Grey & Ripon, Denmark Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.  
" 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.  
Mark 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**  
Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hot., Bury.  
" 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
" 345, Perseverance, Old Bull, Blackburn.  
" 367, Probity & Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Rochdale.  
" 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.  
Chap. 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.**  
Lodge 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.  
" 993, Alexandra, Midway Hot., Levenshulme.  
" 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.  
Chap. 993, Alexandra, Midway Hot., Levenshulme.

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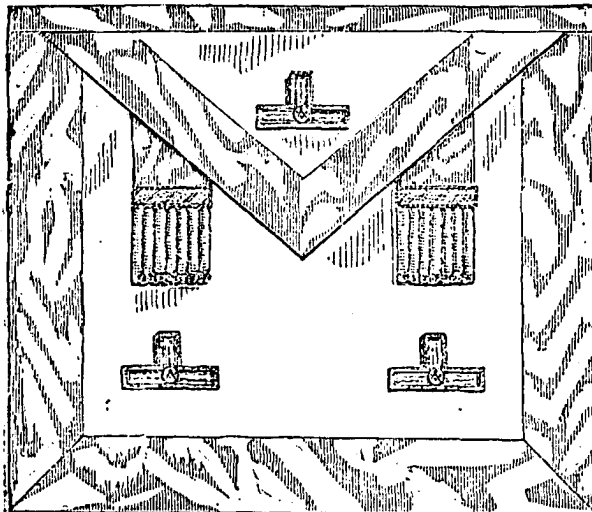
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